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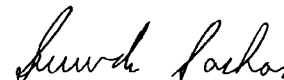
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## STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AA, AB, and AO-AR have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References have been cited in the corresponding Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) Reference AS is additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of this reference is being submitted herewith.

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A differential unit has a non-divisional type differential case, simple type four-pinions with pinion shafts instead of two-pinions with a pinion shaft, and etc. The four-pinions shafts are composed by a main shaft and auxiliary shaft, and are supported by the differential case. The four-pinions shafts have a shape of the cross. At the ends of the auxiliary shaft, anti-slip down means are provided.

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The differential limiting device is composed to generate differential limiting force between the differential case of a differential device provided with a pair of a right and a left side gears and the side gears. The side gears are bevel-engaged with both sides of a pinion gear journaled to a pinion shaft disposed perpendicular to a rotation shaft of the differential case for taking out driving force that is differentially distributed. The differential case is composed in an integrated structure having a hole in a circumferential case. The hole is composed in such a form, including longer sides and shorter sides, for example, that at least the pinion gear and the differential limiting member can pass. By boring the hole of the minimum size necessary, strength of the differential case is secured, while the differential case of an integrated form for assembling the differential limiting member can be employed.